



RECEIVED

AUG 6 - 2004

GROUP 3600

PATENT

Attorney Docket: 80376

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application

) Art Unit: 3629

Applicant: Michihiro Ota, et al.

) Confirmation No.: 8514

Serial No.: 09/672,476

) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile (703) 872-9306 to the Commissioner for Patents / PO Box 1450 / Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on July 27, 2004.

Filed: September 28, 2000

For: PROMOTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

Examiner: Igor N. Borissov

)

Gerald T. Shekleton

Gerald T. Shekleton Reg. No. 27,466
)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application.

No inferences should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation, or that any material disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. In addition, none of the documents that have publication dates prior to the priority date of the above application anticipate the invention in this application.

The cited document(s) disclose numerous specific features. There has been no attempt to list each and every feature disclosed by each document. The Examiner is requested to review the document(s) and determine the extent of the materiality of the document disclosures with respect to the present invention.

The discussion of any art and the citation of any document(s) herein is not to be construed as an admission that the art or document disclosure is necessarily within the invention field of

endeavor, that the art or document disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that the art or document disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art as defined by the patent law with respect to the instant invention and application.

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art and document(s) recited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application. The recitation herein of the art and document(s) is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
WELSH & KATZ, LTD.



Gerald T. Shekleton
Registration No. 27,466

Dated: July 27, 2004
Welsh & Katz, Ltd.
120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312/655-1500


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number (Optional)
80376

Application Number
09/672,476

Applicant(s)
Ota, et al.

Filing Date
September 28, 2000

Group Art Unit
3629
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

RECEIVED

AUG 6 2004

GROUP 3500
U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	11-025328	01/29/1999	Japan			✓	
	07/065244	03/10/1995	Japan			✓	
	06-096096	04/08/1994	Japan			✓	
	03/319970	12/12/1997	Japan			✓	
	08/087655	04/02/1996	Japan			✓	

OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

EXAMINER
DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

M298
41

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	09/672,476
		Filing Date	September 28, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Ota
		Art Unit	3629
		Examiner Name	Borissov
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	80376

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Form PTO/A820 with 5 Japanese references Return receipt postcard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	RECEIVED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	AUG 6 - 2004	
	GROUP 3600	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Gerald T. Shekleton Reg. No.: 27,466
Signature	
Date	July 27, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the

Typed or printed name	Gerald T. Shekleton		
Signature		Date	July 27, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
\$180.00

Complete if Known

RECEIVED

Application Number
09/672,476Filing Date
September 28, 2000

AUG 6 - 2004

First Named Inventor
OtaExaminer Name
Igor N. BorissovArt Unit
3629Attorney Docket No.
80376

GROUP 3600

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number
23-0920

Deposit Account Name
Welsh & Katz, Ltd.

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	0 X	= 0.00
Independent Claims	- 3** =	0 X	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		\$0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	180.00
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$)
\$180.00

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Gerald T. Shekleton	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,466	Telephone	312-655-1500
Signature	Gerald T. Shekleton		Date	July 27, 2004	

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.